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**ALKYL/HALOALKYL VITAMIN D3**  
**COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE**  
**THEREOF**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.